

SENATE BILL 2622

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of Appalachian Trail license plates.

WHEREAS, The general assembly finds that the Appalachian National Scenic Trail represents not only a national treasure, but is also a significant asset to all persons in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy assists with the management, maintenance, and conservation of the 2,175 mile Appalachian Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail should remain forever a simple footpath within a protected greenway along the Appalachian Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee boasts of 280 miles of the Appalachian Trail within its borders; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Appalachian Trail;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 55-4-2__

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Appalachian Trail new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Appalachian Trail new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to support programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.